

[0030] FIG. 4 shows a kit 76 that includes the blister tray 10 and a cover 77 therefor. To facilitate consideration and discussion, the medical devices 12a-c (see FIG. 1) are not shown in FIG. 4. The kit 76 also includes a kit package 78 (shown schematically) disclosed in commonly owned copending application Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled, "Kit Package for Small Multiple Devices", docket number ETH-1610, and filed contemporaneously herewith. The present invention is also related to commonly owned copending application Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled, "Blister Tray With A Blister Card", docket number ETH-1608, and filed contemporaneously herewith. Both of these related applications are incorporated herein by reference.

[0031] It should be appreciated that the blister card 18 provides numerous advantages. For instance, the blister card 18 can quickly and easily be inserted within the blister tray 10. The blister card 18 is typically made from paper that has sufficient stiffness to hold it in place within the blister tray 10. Alternatively, the blister card 18 can be constructed of any relatively stiff card-like material, including paperboard, plastic, etc. Adhesives or any other locking means are not required to anchor the blister card 18 to the blister tray 10. The blister card 18 does not require any special area, pocket, or locks to hold it in place in the blister tray 10. Also, the blister card 18 does not have to be attached to the blister tray 10.

[0032] FIG. 5 shows a blank used to produce the device package 20 in accordance with the present invention. The device package 20 includes a device holding panel 79 and a finger holding area 80 connected thereto. The device holding panel 79 is subdivided into a main section 82, a center section 84, and an anchor section 86. More particularly, the center section 84 is defined by a pair of fold lines 88a-b such that the center section 84 is connected to the main section 82 at the fold line 88a along one edge 89a of the center section 84, and to the anchor section 86 at the fold line 88b along an opposite edge 89b of the center section 84.

[0033] As illustrated in FIG. 5, the main section 82 is connected to the finger holding area 80 along a distal edge 90 of the main section 82 relative to the fold line 88a. The main section 82 includes a first U-shaped slit 92 that forms an arcuate-shaped flange retaining portion 94 (see FIG. 6) sized and shaped to extend outwardly relative to the main section 82. When the flange retaining portion 94 extends outwardly relative to the main section 82, a first opening 96 (see FIG. 6) is formed in the main section 82. Also, the main section 82 includes a second U-shaped slit 98 that forms a first base 100 (see FIG. 6) sized and shaped to extend outwardly relative to the main section 82. When the first base 100 extends outwardly relative to the main section 82, a second opening 102 (see FIG. 6) is formed in the main section 82. The flange retaining portion 94 is connected to the first base 100 such that the first base 100 is resiliently hinged from the flange retaining portion 94. When the flange retaining portion 94 and the first base 100 extend outwardly relative to the main section 82, the flange retaining portion 94 extends in one direction toward the finger holding area 80, and the first base 100 extends in an opposite direction toward the anchor section 86.

[0034] Still referring to FIG. 5, the center section 84 includes a third slit 104 that forms a second base 106 (see FIG. 6) sized and shaped to extend outwardly relative to the

center section 84. When the second base 106 extends outwardly relative to the center section 84, a third opening 108 (see FIG. 6) is formed in the center section 84. The second base 106 of the center section 84 is sized and shaped to extend toward the first base 100 of the main section 82.

[0035] The anchor section 86 has an inwardly curved distal edge 110 relative to the fold line 88b. The distal edge 110 is inwardly curved so as to reduce the length of the anchor section 86, thereby reducing space. A pair of end flaps 112 is included in the anchor section 86 and is positioned adjacent to the distal edge 110 thereof. The end flaps 112 are sized and shaped to anchor the device package 20 in place within the blister tray 10 (see FIG. 1) as described in further detail hereinafter.

[0036] With reference to FIG. 5, the finger holding area 80 is subdivided into a holding tab 114 and a foldable section 116. More particularly, the foldable section 116 is defined by a pair of fold lines 118a-b such that the foldable section 116 is connected to the holding tab 114 at the fold line 118a along one edge 119a of the foldable section 116, and to the main section 82 of the device holding panel 79 at the fold line 118b along an opposite edge 119b of the foldable section 116. The holding tab 114 is sized and shaped so as to allow medical personnel to grasp the device package 20.

[0037] With reference to FIG. 7, the device package 20 is sized and shaped to hold the small vessel inverter 22. The vessel inverter 22 includes a flange 120, an elongated shaft 122 extending therefrom, and a tip portion 124 extending from the elongated shaft 122.

[0038] The following description will describe the insertion of the vessel inverter 22 into the device package 20 and then the insertion of the device package 20 with the vessel inverter 22 within the blister tray 10 as shown in FIGS. 5-8. Initially, the center section 84 of the device holding panel 79 is folded about the fold lines 88a-b such that the center section 84 is at an angle relative to the main section 82 and to the anchor section 86 and such that the main section 82 and the anchor section 86 are extended in opposing directions. Then, the foldable section 116 is folded about the fold lines 118a-b such that the foldable section 116 is at an angle relative to the device holding panel 79 and to the holding tab 114 and such that the holding tab 114 is extended toward the device holding panel 79.

[0039] The flange retaining portion 94, the first base 100, and the second base 106 are then extended outwardly such that the first, second, and third openings 96, 102, 108 are formed, respectively. In this position, the first base 100 is adjacent to the second base 106. As illustrated in FIG. 7, the tip portion 124 and the elongated shaft 122 of the vessel inverter 22 are inserted through the second opening 102 such that the elongated shaft 122 of the vessel inverter 22 is retained cooperatively by the first base 100 and the second base 106. The tip portion 124 of the vessel inverter 22 is further inserted through the third opening 108 such that the tip portion 124 of the vessel inverter 22 is positioned on top of the anchor section 86. After the tip portion 124 of the vessel inverter 22 is extended through the third opening 108, the flange 120 of the vessel inverter 22 is retained by the flange retaining portion 94 of the device package 20 so as to lock the vessel inverter 22 therein.

[0040] With reference to FIG. 1, the device package 20 is inserted in the recess 40b (see FIG. 4) in the blister tray 10